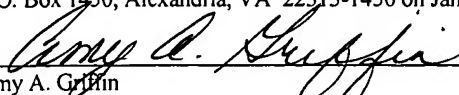




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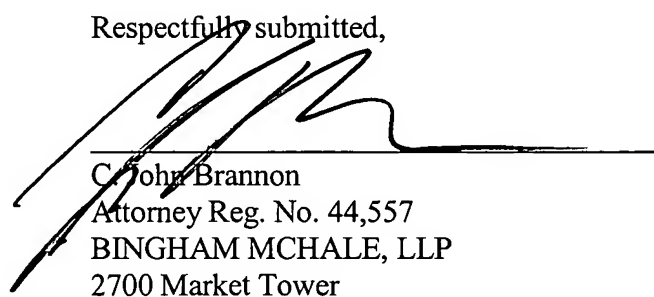
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1-17) for prosecution in this application. The claims of Groups II and III are hereby withdrawn from further consideration but reserved for purposes of pursuing continuing patent applications.

The application is believed to now be in condition for examination. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance in this case.

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